



## **TRNT Stewards Report – Tuesday 28 November, 2017**

Venue – Darwin Turf Club

Panel – D. Hensler & R Hamilton

Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) analyst's report of the urine sample provided by jockey Jason Lyon after he rode at the Alice Springs Turf Club meeting on 29 October, 2017. Evidence was taken from jockey J Lyon and ARFL Science Manager Dr Adam Cawley (via teleconference).

Subsequently jockey Jason Lyon was found guilty of a charge under AR 81A(1)(a), the specifics being that after riding at the above mentioned race meeting he did provide a sample of his urine which upon analysis detected a substance banned by AR81B namely Probenecid.

In determining penalty Stewards took into account:

- The seriousness of the offence
- The nature of the banned substance (diuretic) and the low detected level
- That Mr Lyon could offer no tangible explanation for the positive reading
- 2 previous suspensions (2010 & 2015) for breaches of AR81A relating to positive alcohol readings
- His personal circumstances

Jockey J Lyon had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period of 4 weeks. Stewards ruled that as he was stood down from riding on Friday 24 November, 2017 the period of suspension imposed will expire after midnight 22 December, 2017.

Jockey J Lyon was further advised that under the provisions of AR 81A(1)(4) he must provide a urine sample free of any banned substance prior to being permitted to ride track work or in barrier trials.